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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of: SCHINKEL, Andrew Allen  
Serial No.: 09/932,820  
Filed: August 20, 2001  
Title: PAINT TRAY WITH HANDLE, SPOUT, AND INCLINED RIBBING  
INTO PAINT RESERVOIR  
Group: 3727  
Examiner: Joseph Moy  
Attorney Ref.: PAT 953-2 US

December 5, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450  
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Dear Sirs:

**PETITION TO REINSTATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

This application became abandoned as of July 24, 2003 for failure to respond to the Final Office Action dated December 9, 2002.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected the claims as being unpatentable for lack of definition of sufficient structure and as being obvious in view of a reference to Hoilje.

The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

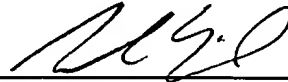
In order to reinstate this application under 37 CFR 1.137(b), Applicant hereby encloses:

1. Request for Continued Examination
2. An amendment in response to the Final Office Action of December 9, 2002
3. Information Disclosure Statement
4. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney by the inventor, Andrew Allen Schinkel;
5. Fee transmittal form authorizing payment from our deposit account including:
  - a. petition fee of \$665 under 37 CFR 1.17(m) for a small entity; and
  - b. RCE fee of \$385 under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

Applicant respectfully requests that this application be returned to pending status.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 501593 in the amount of \$1050 to cover the fees specified in 37 CFR 1.17(m) and 37 CFR 1.17(e). If the preceding amount is incorrect, any deficiency or overpayment should also be charged or credited to this deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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